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UrbanPlan Workshop

Real estate development has been a hot topic in the modern society in the past decade. Both the public and private sectors are heavily involved, with various professions intertwined in the advancement of real estate development.

Today, students from National Junior College participated in the inaugural UrbanPlan workshop conducted by the NUS Department of Real Estate, Urban Land Institute and the Centre for Liveable Cities. The students participated in an engaging planning session simulating real world scenarios from the perspectives of the different roles involved in real estate development. Throughout the activities, our bright-minded apprentices showed great understanding in the topics brought up as they were guided by both industry and academic experts. The students were tasked to create a profit-maximizing development in teams using financial modelling techniques introduced to them by the facilitators. In each team, students role-played as different stakeholders fighting for their own individual interests, emulating real-life professionals in the real estate industry. Different roles such as financial analysts and head of community relations were handed to the students to take up. Despite being in unfamiliar territory, the students took the challenge in stride and were able to propose creative solutions to the given problem. It was an eye-opening experience for everyone involved, including myself as I was able to see things from both the students' and facilitators' perspectives.



I would highly recommend youths to participate in these workshops to give themselves a greater understanding of the built environment. If I were given a chance, I would definitely have joined this workshop when I was in junior college. The NUS BSc (Real Estate) course is similar to the workshop in its objective to instil both knowledge and critical thinking skills in students who have an interest in the built environment.

The NUS Department of Real Estate aims to create awareness about the real estate industry in Singapore, while also providing an opportunity for youths in Singapore to learn about specialized areas such as Urban Planning and Real Estate Development. Through the undergraduate course in real estate, the department provides an enriching curriculum that empowers its students to overcome and solve real estate problems in the professional world.

Students that have developed an interest in the real estate topics should certainly consider applying for the Real Estate course in NUS.

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